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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER
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The Examiner is requested to consider the references noted on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 during examination of the above-identified patent application. These references are submitted for the Examiner's consideration and are submitted pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. In submitting these references, no representation is made or implied that the references are or are not material to the examination of the application. The Examiner is encouraged to make his or her own determination of materiality. Pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of U.S. patents and publications are not provided.

Several of the submitted references are owned by the Assignee. Thus, in satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and as required by M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is requested to consider the following applications commonly owned by the Assignee

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of the present application and that may include subject matter similar to that of the present application:

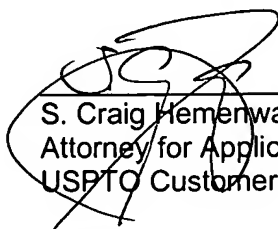
- (1) U.S. patent application no. 10/843,094, filed May 10, 2004, pending;
- (2) U.S. patent application no. 09/444,043, filed November 19, 1999, now abandoned;
- (3) U.S. patent application no. 09/883,013, filed June 15, 2001, now abandoned;
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- (4) U.S. patent application no. 09/742,941, filed December 20, 2000, now abandoned.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action. Therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3), no fees are due with respect to this filing. However, should any such fees or petitions be required, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 as necessary.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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